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## No Fire Restrictions Planned on BLM Public Lands for the Fourth of July Holiday Weekend

Taos, NM – Because of recent rain, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is not issuing any fire restrictions for the Fourth of July weekend.

However, we want to remind the public that the use of fireworks on public lands is prohibited. Federal law enforcement officers and fire crews will be patrolling the public lands. Anyone using or possessing fireworks on public lands will be cited and face a fine.

To help ensure public safety, folks should build fires using a fire pan, campfires only in established campfire rings, charcoal boiler or wood stoves may be used in developed camping and picnicking areas. (Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed and encouraged.) Keep plenty of water handy and have a shovel for throwing dirt on a fire to extinguish campfires, also in case a fire gets out of control. Never leave campfires unattended.

BLM public lands are available for recreation and other multiple use activities. Please be aware of local laws and read regulations. Most importantly, enjoy your public lands during the Fourth of July and have a safe weekend.

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